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## Special Announcement

### **DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY.**

**Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI).** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* extended its deadline to accept applications for the 2004-2005 SPI Class. SPI is a training opportunity for emerging nonprofit and faith-based organizations. The one-year program is designed to help nonprofit professionals move their organizations to the next level of operations and service-delivery. Executive Directors (or equivalent positions) from organizations located and providing direct services in DC may apply if the following conditions are met: incorporated in DC; 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; annual budget under \$500,000; desires professional and organizational growth; and has strong commitment to complete the 12 month program and adhere to attendance requirements. **The new deadline for applications is July 16, 2004, at 5:00pm.** Call OPGD **TODAY** at (202) 727-8900 to have an application e-mailed or faxed to you; or pick-up one from OPGD at 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20001.

## Federal Opportunities

### **Center on Standards and Assessment**

**Development.** *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to produce, and advance the use of, knowledge to improve the results of education and early intervention for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities. Eligible applicants include public agencies, local educational agencies (LEAs), state educational agencies (SEAs), institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is

August 9, 2004. Approximately \$1 million is available for one award. For further information, contact Dave Malouf at (202) 245-7427; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-15408.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Family Planning Service Grants.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to establish and operate voluntary family planning service projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations. The deadline for Region III (DC) applications is September 1, 2004. Approximately \$1 million is available for Region III. For further information, the Region III contacts are Donna Garner at (215) 861-4624 and Dickie Lynn Gronseth at (215) 861-4656; or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-15340.htm>.

This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

### **Healthy Communities - Access Program**

**Demonstration Project.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)* announces funds for the purpose of: developing patient-based research infrastructure at historically black health professional schools; establishment of joint and collaborative programs of medical research and data collection between historically black health professional schools and such providers, whose goal is to improve the health status of medically underserved population; or supporting the research-related costs of patient care,

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data collection and academic training resulting from such affiliations. Eligible applicants include Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCUs), public health departments, public and private sector health care providers and organizations. The deadline for applications is August 20, 2004. Approximately \$5.4 million is available for 6-8 awards. For further information, contact Cicely Nelson at (301) 594-4496 or [Cnelson@hrsa.gov](mailto:Cnelson@hrsa.gov); or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-15606.htm>.

This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Projects of National Significance: Ongoing Data Collection.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)* announces funds to collect, analyze, and report on data to describe services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities.

Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, state and local government entities, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is August 23, 2004. Approximately \$1 million is available for 3-4 awards, ranging from \$150,000-\$300,000. A match is required. For further information, contact Jennifer Johnson at (202) 690-5982 or [jjohnson1@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:jjohnson1@acf.hhs.gov); or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-15052.htm>.

This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Student Support Services (SSS) Program.** *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to increase the number of disadvantaged low-income college students, first generation college students, and college students with disabilities in the U.S. who successfully complete a program of study at the postsecondary level of education. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is August 31, 2004. Approximately \$266 million is available for awards ranging from \$220,000-\$350,000. For further information, contact Deborah Walsh at (202) 502-7600 or [TRIO@ed.gov](mailto:TRIO@ed.gov); or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-15471.pdf>.

This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Telework/Telecommuting Pilot Research.** *The Department of Labor (DOL)/Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)* announces funds to promote telework to help achieve increased employment opportunities for people with disabilities. In response to these initiatives, the overall purpose of this research is to investigate, develop, and validate strategies likely to yield the largest number of telework positions for people with disabilities in cooperation with federal and state agencies and to expand understanding of the full dimensions of telework as an employment option for people with disabilities through rigorous investigation and implementation of research-based comprehensive telework models. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and for-profit organizations or consortia, including faith-based and community organizations, with appropriate capabilities, experience, and expertise. The deadline for applications is August 9, 2004. Approximately \$2.5 million is available to fund up to three awards, ranging from \$600,000-\$830,000. For further information, contact Cassandra Mitchell at (202) 693-4570; or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-15521.htm>.

## District Opportunities

**District of Columbia Public Charter Schools FY 2004 Dissemination Grant Program.** *The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/Office of Federal Grants Programs (OFGP)* announces funds for charter school applications, which will disseminate proven, research-based activities and/or programs that have resulted in gains or maintenance of high levels of student academic achievement. Eligible applicants include DC public charter schools that have been in operation for three consecutive years and have demonstrated overall success, including: substantial progress in improving student achievement; high levels of parent satisfaction; and the management and leadership necessary to overcome initial start-up problems and establish a thriving and financially viable charter school. The deadline for applications is August 9, 2004, at 5:00pm. Approximately \$229,470 is available to make three awards. Each applicant may apply for up to \$76,490. Applicants must attend a pre-application

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conference on July 19, 2004, 10:00am-noon, at 941 North Capitol Street, NE, Training Room A, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Applicants may obtain a copy of the Request for Applications (RFA) from 803 Florida Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001 between 9:30am-3:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For further information and to register for the pre-application conference, contact Deidre Hunt, CDH Management and Consulting, at (202) 641-5766 or [cdhmac@verizon.net](mailto:cdhmac@verizon.net).

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, District Grants Clearinghouse.

*The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/Office of Federal Grants Programs (OFGP), 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC),* July 30, 2004, at 5:00 pm.

*The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/State Education Agency (SEA)/Office of Academic Credentials and Standards (OACS), Teacher Quality Enhancement State Grant,* August 2, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*Serve DC, AmeriCorps\*State Formula Program,* August 4, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Office on Aging (DCOA), FY 2005 Ward 8 Lead Agency Grant Program,* August 24, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Folk and Traditional Arts Mini Grants,* September 2, 2004, at 6:00pm.

*The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Housing Grants,* September 3, 2004, at 4:00pm.

*The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates,* September 24 and December 30, 2004.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Arts Learning and Outreach: Teacher Mini-Grant Program,* September 30, 2004, at 6:00pm.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Young Artists,* October 25, 2004.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Small Projects Program (SPP),* December 2, 2004, March 3, 2005, and June 2, 2005.

*The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP),* applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

*The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial Property Acquisition and Development Program (CP-A&D),* applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

## Foundation Opportunities

**REMINDER: Neighborhood Excellence Initiative.** *Bank of America* recently launched its Neighborhood Excellence Initiative to recognize, nurture and reward organizations, local heroes and student leaders – in 30 of the bank's major communities across the country – that are helping rebuild and revitalize their neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Builders program provides grants and leadership training to groups working to promote vibrant neighborhoods. The specific focus areas of this program in DC are: community and workforce development with an emphasis on housing and neighborhood revitalization; mentoring outreach and early childhood education; and health and human services. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations based in and serving DC. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2004. For further information or to apply, go to: [www.Bankofamerica.com/foundation](http://www.Bankofamerica.com/foundation).

**Bicycling.** *The Bikes Belong Coalition* has a mission to put more people on bicycles more often. The program funds projects in three categories: facility; education; and capacity building. Eligible applicants for the facility and education grants include nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and departments at the national, state, regional, and local level. Eligible applicants for capacity building grants include organizations whose mission is expressly related to bicycle advocacy. The deadline for applications is September 3, 2004. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available. For further information, go to: <http://bikesbelong.org/site/index.cfm>.

**Community Support.** *The Air Products Corporate Contributions Program* focuses its giving on the

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following areas: higher education; pre-college education; fitness, health, and welfare; community and economic development; arts and culture; and the environment. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations in communities with a company presence. There are no deadlines for applications. For further information, go to:

<http://www.airproducts.com/Responsibility/SocialResponsibility/Default.htm>.

**Computer Recycling.** *Dell Inc.'s Recycling Grant Program* is designed to provide financial support to communities interested in staging a one-day, no-charge computer collection event. The purpose of the program is to raise awareness of responsible end-of-life options for unwanted computer equipment, to keep computers and related equipment out of landfills, and to empower communities with a model and the experience for staging collection events. Eligible applicants include: state, provincial, and local governments; universities; and other nonprofit groups. The deadline for applications is July 30, 2004. Grants of \$10,000 are available. Grant recipients will also receive technical assistance from the National Recycling Coalition. For further information, go to:

<http://www1.us.dell.com/content/topics/global.aspx/corp/environment/en/recycling?c=us&l=en&s=corp&~section=005>.

## **Education, Community, and Medicine/Health.**

*The RGK Foundation* awards grants in the following areas: education - formal K-12 education, integrating technology into curriculum, teacher development, literacy, and higher education; community - human services, youth development, and community improvement programs; and medicine/health - programs that promote health and well-being of children, access to health services, and Foundation-initiated programs focusing on ALS. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There are no deadlines for online Letters of Intent (LOI). For further information and to access the online LOI, go to: <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/>.

## **Education and Community Economic**

**Development.** *The 3Com Community Investment Program* supports the advancement of education and community economic development through networking technology. All projects must enhance the education and learning process of people;

demonstrate the power of networking technology; transform the way people learn, live, and connect; allow for replication in other locations; and provide a regional focus in 3Com communities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and educational institutions within 50 miles of a 3Com facility. There are no deadlines for applications. For further information, go to:

[http://www.3com.com/corpinfo/en\\_US/commaffairs/index.html](http://www.3com.com/corpinfo/en_US/commaffairs/index.html).

**Environment.** *Patagonia*, the outdoor clothing company, provides funding for environmental work that: is action-oriented; builds public involvement and support; is strategic; focuses on root causes; and accomplishes specific goals and objectives. Program priorities include: biodiversity, resource extraction, forests, media/publications, social activism, water/marine protection, and sustainable agriculture. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is August 31, 2004. Grants range from \$3,000-\$8,000. For further information, go to:

[http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro\\_grants.shtml](http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro_grants.shtml).

**Youth Service-Learning.** *The Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF)* seeks to instill in the nation's youth a deeper understanding of citizenship through values expressed in the Constitution and its Bill of Rights and to educate young people to become active and responsible participants in society. Its Robinson Mini-Grant Program provides seed grants to help youth across America develop and implement innovative service-learning projects that meet the diverse needs of their communities while fostering civic responsibility. Projects may address larger social needs in such categories as poverty, hunger, environment, mentoring children and youth, crime and safety issues, and aging. Eligible applicants include elementary and secondary schools and community agencies throughout the country that work with youth. The deadline for online applications is October 15, 2004. Grants of up to \$500 are available. For further information, go to:

[http://www.crf-usa.org/network/crf\\_robin.html](http://www.crf-usa.org/network/crf_robin.html).

**Reducing Poverty and Promoting Family Economic Success.** *The funders of the D.C. CASH Campaign - the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the*



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*CityBridge Foundation, the Fannie Mae Foundation, and the Kimsey Foundation* – are seeking an organization (or a partnership of organizations) to provide the central administrative, training, and technical assistance functions necessary to support the Campaign's six free, high-quality, neighborhood-based tax sites and asset-building partners in Wards 5, 7, and 8. The Campaign seeks to achieve three primary goals in a set of target neighborhoods across the city: educate residents about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other tax benefits that contribute to increased income through income tax refunds; sponsor tax centers that offer free electronic tax preparation and filing services; and promote financial education and increased savings to increase household wealth. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is July 16, 2004. For further information and application instructions, go to: [www.dccash.org](http://www.dccash.org).

## Resources & Announcements

**Adult and Lifelong Learning Initiative.** *The DC Children & Youth Investment Trust Corporation (CYITC), in partnership with the State Education Office (SEO) and the Mayor's Office,* provides Lifelong Learning Coaches to DC-based adult literacy providers. Primary responsibilities for Lifelong Learning Coaches include: assisting in the development and delivery of a city-wide adult literacy system; promoting the adult literacy initiatives of assigned DC agencies and community-based organizations; serving as a professional resource to DC agencies and community-based organizations through the collection and sharing of current research, best practices, and other data; recruiting, supervising, and training volunteers; providing adult basic education, GED classes, and/or English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction; and more. Eligible applicants include DC-based adult literacy providers. The deadline for applications is July 14, 2004. For further information or to access the Request for Applications (RFA), contact CYITC at (202) 347-4441; or go to: <http://www.cyitc.org>.

**Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations.** *The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)* announces that it will adopt the proposed rule that faith-based organizations should be able to compete on an equal footing with other organizations for federal funding within the framework of constitutional church-state guidelines. The effective

date of this final rule is August 9, 2004. For further information, go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-15677.htm>.

### **Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).**

*The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

**Grantwriting Workshop.** *The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI)* will host a two-day grant writing training session. Key HUD staff members will provide instructions on how to become more competitive for federal grant funds, as well as how to secure 501(c)(3) status. Workshop topics include: grant writing techniques; HUD programs available to nonprofits; HUD common factors for award; performance measures; working with local governments; organizational development; and more. This free training will take place July 20-21, 2004, 8:30am-4:30pm, at the Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311-5097. Space is limited, but registration is required. For further information and to register, contact Lillian Curley, Faith & Community Based Liaison, at (202) 275-9200 x 3303 or [Lillian\\_A\\_Curley@hud.gov](mailto:Lillian_A_Curley@hud.gov); or go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/grantworkshop.cfm>.

**Nonprofit Issues.** *OMB Watch*, a nonprofit research and advocacy organization dedicated to promoting government accountability and citizen participation in public policy decisions, wants to make nonprofits aware of the Senate Finance Committee on Nonprofit Issues' current activities. The Senate Finance Committee announced that it will hold a roundtable discussion on July 22 on issues concerning exempt

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organizations. The two main purposes of the roundtable are to follow-up on the committee's hearing on charities, and to further review the staff's discussion draft regarding proposed reforms to exempt organizations. The committee held a hearing on charitable governance reform and released its draft discussion paper with proposals for reform in governance, conflicts of interest, grant-making, federal-state coordination, reporting and disclosure, boards of director responsibilities, best practices and funding for enforcement. Please take time to review the staff's draft discussion paper on proposed reforms to exempt organizations and submit comments. You can find the staff's draft at:

<http://finance.senate.gov/hearings/testimony/2004test/062204stfdis.pdf>. For OMB Watch's summary of the draft, go to:

<http://www.ombwatch.org/article/articleview/2248/1/3/>. The deadline to submit comments to the Senate Finance Committee is July 16, 2004. Written submissions can be sent by email to:

<mailto:charities@finance-rep.senate.gov>. Those who submit comments may also request to be in attendance. For more information on the hearing, go to:

<http://www.ombwatch.org/article/articleview/2249/1/218/>; or contact OMB Watch directly by calling Abbey Tyrna at (202) 234-8494 or Kay Guinane at (202) 234-8494.

## **Washington Grantmakers Common Grant**

**Application.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) and Washington Grantmakers* will host an information session on the newly revised Washington Grantmakers Common Grant Application. The goal of the Common Grant Application is to serve the regions' grantmaking and grantseeking communities by streamlining the grant application process. The format makes grantseeking easier as you can create one standard proposal that can be customized for multiple funders. The session will take place on July 22, 2004, 9:30am-noon, One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Room 1104 (Red Line Metro Stop). This session is free, but registration is required. For further information or to register, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900 by July 16.

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